

**Testimony for Public Hearing  
Government Administration and Elections Committee  
February 25, 2015**

Jenna Loraine Tinker  
Lincoln School Green Team  
New Britain, CT

Proposed H.B. No. 5174 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILDREN'S STATE FLOWER.

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for giving me the honor to speak with you today. My name is Jenna Loraine Tinker. I'm here in support of the proposed bill #5174 to establish Michaela Petit's four o'clock flower as the children's state flower. When I think of Michaela I think of a strong, brave, powerful girl. It's pretty rare for an eleven year old to organize walks and raise money for causes. I got the feeling that she was the kind of girl that wouldn't give up. Kind of like her four o'clock. Just imagine one little seed turning into a thousand flowers. Isn't that amazing? I remember the first time Michaela's Garden came to Lincoln School. Vicky Scott told us about the four o'clock flower. I heard that Michaela would do lots of things with her community and how she thought she could change the world someday. I also heard that there was tragedy and it was very bad. Even though something bad happened it can turn around and be a good thing. I think that the four o'clock flower should be the state flower for kids because I think it will change the way kids see our state. It would make me very proud. I can relate to Michaela and her father's bond because I bond with my father by playing basketball together. If you decide to vote in favor of this bill I believe that Michaela still can change the world! The four o'clock flower would be a great state flower for kids!

Thank you for your consideration,

Jenna Tinker  
New Britain, Connecticut